Control Programme has been launched under which thirty Rabies Control Units have been set-up in different parts of the country. The elimination of stray dogs is undertaken by Local-self Governments, i.e. Municipal Corporations/Committees. For the prevention of rabies in human beings after being bitten by rabid animals, the country is producing around 40 million ml of vaccine every year in 12 centres spread all over the country. The Government has also been engaged in imparting health education to general public through TV and other media.

(c) According to information available, Central Africa and equatorial zones, Guyana, Jamaica and Uruguay in America, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and Japan in Asia, Great Britain, Scandinavian countries, Spain and Portugal in Europe and Australia, Fiji, Tasmania, Papua, New Guinea and New Zealand as well as Antarctica, are free from rabies.

(d) The guidelines suggested by WHO for controlling rabies through National Programme include:

(i) immunization of animals with safe and potent vaccines;

(ii) control of dog population;

(iii) community education and participation.

(e) The control of rabies involves extensive inter-sectoral cooperation between various agencies. Efforts are afoot to bring about coordination between these agencies and launch a comprehensive National Rabies Control Programme in the near future.

Agitation by Air-India cabin crew

175. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India Cabin Crew Association have started an agitation;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what are their demands;

(c) what is the reaction of Government in regard to their demands;

(d) what was the loss of revenue involved therein; and

(e) whether Govt. have taken certain other alternative steps to ensure that its Air India flights are not disturbed due to the agitation and, if so, what are the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) Air-India Management introduced a revised pattern of operation on the India-Kuwait-India sector from 6th March '87 which was strictly in conformity with the flight time and flight duty time limitations of Cabin Crew. However, the Cabin Crew Association issued a directive to its members:

(1) not to operate flights if crew complement is less than the required number.

(2) not to operate the flights if they are not standby for the said flight.

(3) not to operate flights beyond their flight duty time limitation.

During the period, the Cabin Crew was agitating, three flights were delayed but no flights were cancelled and as such, there was no revenue loss. The schedules were maintained with the assistance of loyal cabin crew and other trained personnel and members of staff. 54 cabin crew were suspended during the agitation period. It was indicated clearly to the Air India Cabin Crew Association that no management could bargain on matters of discipline and that the introduction of revised pattern of operation was purely a management function. Air India Cabin

Crew Association has since withdrawn the agitation unconditionally with effect from 3rd April, 1987.

Improvement of Delhi Main Railway Station

176. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Urban Arts Commission, in its tenth report has suggested some improvements in the Delhi Main Railway Station;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when Government propose to start the work on improvement and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Delhi Urban Arts Commission has examined the problems of environment of Delhi Main Railway Station in their 10th report.

(b) and (c) Matter is under examination of Delhi Urban Arts Commission. Railway will consider the suggestions pertaining to Railway when these are finalised by them.

Decentralisation of Recruitment etc. in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

177. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to Starred Question 213 given in the Rajya Sabha on 11th March 1987 and state:

(a) the name of the association that has expressed dissatisfaction on the proposed decentralisation of recruitment, promotion, seniority, selection grades etc. in Kendriya Vidyaaya Sangathan;

(b) what are the grounds of their dissatisfaction;

(c) what is the total number of employees in each category this association purports/entitled to represent and what is this category's percentage to that of the total number of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan employees;

(d) whether the association which is opposing the scheme, has been given any hearing and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether this matter is being included in the agenda of governing body meeting being held on 24th April 1987 and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association (AIKVTA) has said that decentralisation will lead to discrimination in recruitment, promotion, seniority and selection grade; it will harm the all India nature of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan and create confusion.

(c) The number of employees this association represents is under dispute by Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. This association has *de-facto* recognition under orders of the Government.

(d) Scheme of decentralisation is an administrative matter of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. No association was involved in discussion of this scheme before its adoption by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.

(e) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is proposing to consider the scheme of decentralisation and related issues in the meeting of its Board of Governors on 24-4-1987.